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Conservation becomes common in Skidmore

As water becomes scarce, surrounding towns get frugal with water

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

The Mozingo Reservoir will continue to supply water to Maryville as communities in Nodaway County seek relief from the severe drought's effects.

After the U.S. Drought Monitor placed northwest Missouri in the Extreme D3 Drought category on August 14, many communities such as Skidmore in Nodaway County and Maitland in Holt County restricted their water usage because the wells are low. Suburbs in Kansas City and places in Kansas, Nebraska and western South Dakota asked their residents to voluntarily conserve water.

Currently, Skidmore conserves the water that they get from wells, which are fed by Nodaway River. Skidmore City Clerk Tracy Shewey said wells are the city's main water supply. Because the wells are low, the city council decided to conserve water.

"They have been conserving water by having no outside watering," she said.

Shewey said residents in Skidmore can not wash their cars, porches, sidewalks, or water their lawns and flowerbeds. None of the residents have objected to these water restrictions, she said.

"I think everyone knows we have had limited amount of rainfall," Shewey said.

As Skidmore residents find themselves saving water, Maryville residents find themselves secure in their primary water source, Mozingo Lake, to ease the stresses of the drought.

"We are comfortable with the amount of water we have," said Greg Decker, Maryville's Public Works director. "We have enough water to last us for a long time."

Because of Mozingo's size and capacity, Matt Chesnut, Maryville's city manager, said Maryville has not had to put any water restrictions in place.

"It has not been necessary to instigate any water restrictions for the city of Maryville," Decker said. "We do not feel like we are at a critical point to put water restrictions in place."

Maryville, however, has relied on its sufficient supply of water from Mozingo Lake.

"The reason for building Mozingo Lake was to have a guaranteed water supply," Chesnut said.

As Maryville Public Works keeps track of the water levels and water usage in the city, Decker said Mozingo's water level is 60 inches lower than what it was 18 months ago.

Chesnut said Mozingo Lake would have to be tremendously low before the city would put water restrictions or water rationing in place.

Decker said that, if Maryville needed to place water restrictions on the city, Chesnut would make the request to the city council and the city would follow a set of guidelines outlined in a water restrictions ordinance.

According to Chesnut, Maryville faced serious water

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ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS AGO *THE NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN* RAN A TWO-PART SERIES ON THE DROUGHT AFFECTING NORTHWEST MISSOURI. AFTER ONE OF THE HOTTEST SUMMERS IN HISTORY, *THE MISSOURIAN* FOLLOWS UP ON THE ONGOING DROUGHT.



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DROUGHT STILL REIGNS

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

Looking at the surface, it would appear as if northwest Missouri is in great shape with one week's worth of rain gone by. But upon closer inspection, last week's rain is really just scratching the surface in what some have called the worst drought in 15 years.

Go into a barber shop or sit down at the local diner; everyone is talking about it.

"It's too late, it's too late," one farmer said.

"Well, it ain't going to hurt," another person said.

"We're going on three years in the making (of a drought)," said Jim Husz, R.T. Wright Farm manager. "Things have gotten worse. But we've gotten enough water to string along the crops."

Water in some areas has not been as easy to come by.

"About every farmer has a water tank in the back of their trucks," said Jim Nance, U.S. Department of Agriculture county executive director. "In Ravenwood and in some of

the other rural areas, farmers are driving out just to buy water to do laundry."

Arley Larson, dean of agriculture, said there was a time when it was worse.

"In 1988 and '89, we had a water shortage, and we were forced to get water from elsewhere," Larson said. "But now, we have Mozingo, and even though it's low, we could still get water from there."

Clean water has been at a premium not only for farmers and their families but for cattle.

"The main thing (for cattle) is nutrition," said Joe Powell, veterinarian practitioner at Nodaway Veterinary Clinic. "They don't grow as fast, they can develop red eye, and they can develop diarrhea."

Farmers are also forced to bring the mother calf in earlier, when they nurture the calves.

"Some (farmers) cut back the number of cattle they buy at livestock," Powell said.

An example of cutting back cattle has occurred at the R.T. Wright Farm.

"We've got a lot more cattle on

RAIN COMES, THEN IT DOESN'T

The last four months have seen up and down rain totals. July suffered the most, barely getting traces of rain and dealing with hot and humid temperatures.

	Avg. (inches)	2003 Total
June	4.21	5.74

June had above average rainfall that was enough for some crops to hold onto.

	Avg. (inches)	2003 Total
July	3.89	0.45

July had 12 days of temperatures of 95 degrees or above.

	Avg. (inches)	2003 Total
Aug.	4.91	3.80

August had 13 days of temperatures of 95 degrees or above.

	Avg. (inches)	2003 Total
Sept.	3.91	2.12

September has had cooler temperatures and weekly rainfalls.

Information courtesy of accuweather.com

renred land," Husz said. "Even if we get significant rainfall, it's going to take six months to get even because the soil is so dry right now."

Hay cuts have also been at a premium for Husz and other farmers in the area.

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Former deputy will run for sheriff

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

Armed with ideas for reform and inclinations of controversy, a former Nodaway County deputy plans to challenge long-time incumbent Ben Espey for his position as sheriff.

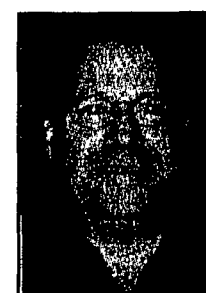
Preparing to officially run under the Republican ticket when filing opens in February, Maryville resident Darren White is in the opening stages of his visible campaign for sheriff. If elected in November 2004, White said his local community ties and plans for proactive law enforcement would make the sheriff's department far more effective.

"The reason that I'm running, quite honestly, is because I feel like the people who live in Nodaway County are not getting what they deserve and what they expect, and I want to change that," White said. "Just because we live in rural Missouri

doesn't mean we should expect less from our people in law enforcement than the rest of the state of Missouri. I guarantee that if people elect me, they will see a change."

White, who currently serves as a police officer in Plattsburg, Mo., joins Sgt. Rick Smail of Maryville Public Safety in the race. Smail, a 15-year-veteran of the department, confirmed that he also plans to run as a Democrat in February, but he declined to elaborate at this time.

Upon filing in February, candidates will face off in a primary. Please see 'Former' page 5A



DARREN WHITE

Residence halls could receive cable upgrade

Classic Cable's long contract set to end

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest's cable service is in preliminary stages of a re-vamping process scheduled for a completion date by next fall. However, students can expect to see minor changes sooner than expected.

In conjunction with a 14-year-old Classic Cable contract set to expire at the end of the fiscal year, Northwest's telecommunications department is currently negotiating bids for equipment to upgrade the campus's cable infrastructure that was installed in the 1960s.

With the older equipment, Northwest is limited in broadcasting only 36 channels through its front-end system, a component that sends the cable

signals throughout campus. "A lot of residence halls have older cable wires that wouldn't support all the channels the new system would carry," said Steve Chor, telecommunications technician supervisor. "We should get the equipment purchased within the coming months, and hopefully, by next May, the backbone portion will be complete."

Once telecommunications install the new front-end system and fiber optic cables, nearly 100 channels could be broadcast.

Mark Hertzler, director of Residential Life, said the old equipment was depleted and needed to be replaced.

"When the old equipment was installed, they considered 36 channels to be a lot," Hertzler said. "I think now we need to make sure we're providing at least what's being provided in the city. If nothing else, we

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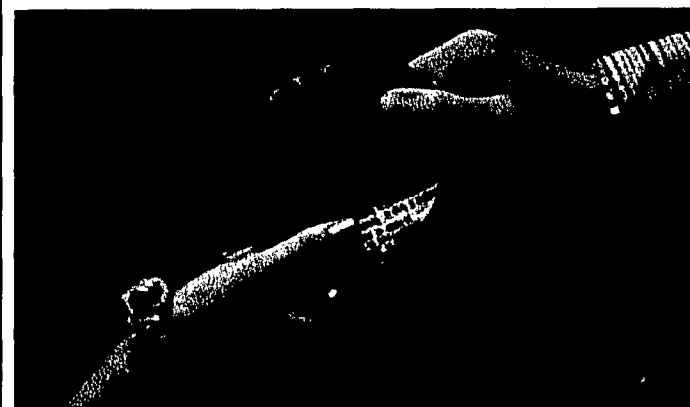


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An ongoing battle between the RIAA and file sharers has led to lawsuits against people as young as 12 years old. Currently, Northwest has no policy against file sharing of illegal mp3s and probably will not in the near future.

Hubbard: We're not policemen

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the legal battle between the record industry and mp3 downloaders continues, universities have become an important battleground for both sides.

Illegal mp3 downloading on campus is currently not

monitored by Computing Services nor the University's network provider, Morenet.

"We're not going to become policemen for the record industry; that's their problem," said Dean Hubbard, Northwest president. "Come on, this is idiocy to the extreme. (The

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Web Exclusive:

For up-to-the-minute results and pictures, tune in to Missourianonline.com after the football game Saturday. Be the first to read what the players and coaches have to say.

Coming soon:

The redesigned Buzz will be unveiled within the coming week. Be sure to check Missourianonline.com and see the new site as soon as it goes live. We mean it this week.

Last week's poll:

Have the lawsuits deterred your file sharing habits?

46% Nope. I downloaded 20 more songs tonight.
28.6% Heck yeah, I don't want the RIAA coming after me!
17.5% What's file sharing?
7.9% I let someone do it for me.

Online poll:

What is your opinion on the fan support this year?
a. I cheer as loud as anyone.
b. That guy in the shoulder pads scares me into cheering for the team.
c. Why should I cheer for a losing team?
d. I couldn't care less about the 'Cats.

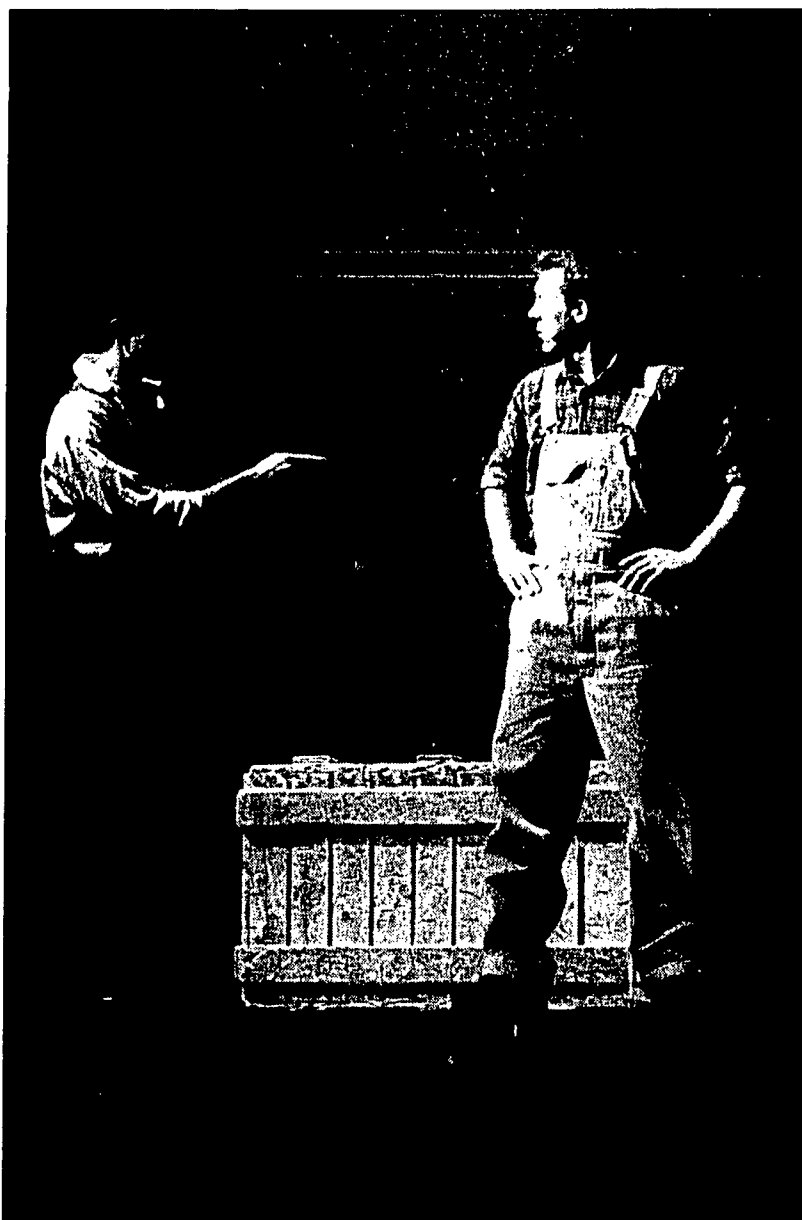


PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Scott Bosley and Tom Forsythe nail their lines during yesterday's final rehearsal. "The Voice of the Prairie" opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Mary Linn Auditorium.

Students find niche with 'the Prairie'

By BURNIA COTHRIE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Voice of the Prairie, which is the first Northwest production of the year, will be performed by only freshmen and transfer students.

"The purpose is to give new theater majors and freshmen the opportunity to perform,"

said Joe Kreizinger, the play's director. "This opportunity is unique because other universities don't give new students a chance."

Ten freshmen students and two transfer students make up the cast.

The production as well as the people have made a positive difference in the theater program, said Scott Bosley, a freshman who stars as Leon Schwap, a radio personality.

"I love the theater department," Bosley said. "Everyone was so nice when I got here. We are like family. We've grown together, and we give each other very good feedback, and Joe Kreizinger is a wonderful director."

Although he believes the play to be

a good production, Bosley has his doubts about the crowd turnout for the play.

"I would like to see a packed house," Bosley said, "but I'm very worried that people will throw off the show because we are freshmen and new students, and we only had three weeks to do it which is unheard of."

Bosley is not the only one that is affected by the Freshmen Transfer Showcase. Assistant Director Hannah Barfoot, sophomore, expressed her passion and feelings about this year's production.

"The play itself is one of those things that, when you come out of the theater, you feel good about yourself," Barfoot said.

The theatrical production premieres at 7:30 p.m. tonight and runs through Saturday. On Sunday there will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$6 for students and University employees and \$8 for members of the community.

The tickets can be purchased at the Student Services desk or an hour prior to the show at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center's box office.

"The play itself is one of those things that, when you come out of the theater, you feel good about yourself."

HANNAH BARFOOT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Northwest alumna fills legal hole

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

When President Dean Hubbard began his search for a new Cabinet member, he was looking for experience and dedication.

What he found was Angel Lewis, a former Bearcat and a revered law student at Creighton University.

And as the new special assistant to the president, Lewis has covered all legal issues while sitting in on Cabinet meetings.

"When I was aware of the opportunity, it was almost a no-brainer," Lewis said. "Northwest had given me so much when I was a student here that I wanted to give something back and work as hard as I can for students."

The special assistant position was open last year when Annette Wyemuth retired. But, because of budget cuts, the position was left unfilled. Hubbard said Lewis was worth the wait.

"I knew Angel was going to school (at Creighton), and I believe we can save enough to hire her," Hubbard said. "She's extremely bright. She'll be the gatekeeper for all legal issues."

Lewis received her bachelor's degree in political science in 1998 and her master's degree in English in 2000. In May 2003, Lewis received a law degree from Creighton Law School.

Lewis started working for Northwest Aug. 18, and since that time, she has been working on disability, equal employment and other coordinating issues.

"There haven't been any legal issues yet," Lewis said. "What I've had are issues that haven't gone to the legal stage yet. But if they're left unresolved, then they will become major issues."

Hubbard said that despite the lack of legal issues, Lewis is still involved with daily activity.

"(One) would be amazed in the legal nature we have in Cabinet meetings," Hubbard said. "We used to say, 'We'll have to go to the law firm.'"

Even though this is Lewis' first full-time job out of college, she is confident it could be a long-term job.

"I think Northwest could be the pinnacle of everything," Lewis said. "This is my first full-time job, and because of that, someone could call it a stepping stone. But I'm perfectly happy at Northwest."

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Northwest alumni honor faculty members

By RILEY HUSKEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The ballroom slowly filled with various fragrances and fashions.

From tuxedos and sport jackets to dresses, pantsuits and minks, members of the elite were there—all Bearcat graduates.

The dim lighting and formal attire set the mood for Friday night's Alumni Association Awards ceremony.

Sponsored by the Northwest Alumni Association, the awards of distinction honor distinguished alumni, faculty and friends.

Master of Ceremonies Russ Northup began the Awards of Distinction presentations with a true speaker's philosophy in mind.

"If you're a real good speaker and master of ceremonies, you get offered

to go on the road and travel," he said. "If not, you get to come back to the same place next year."

First to be honored was Patrick McLaughlin, professor of accounting, economics and finance, with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

"If there's one thing I have to say, it's that the heart of this University is the students," McLaughlin said. "And I commend Dr. Hubbard for continuing that legacy here at Northwest."

Distinguished Emeritus Faculty Award winner Sharon Browning, former professor of marketing and management, had some food for thought on teaching.

"The greatest reward you can receive from teaching is when you get the students to a point where they exceed their own expectations," she said.

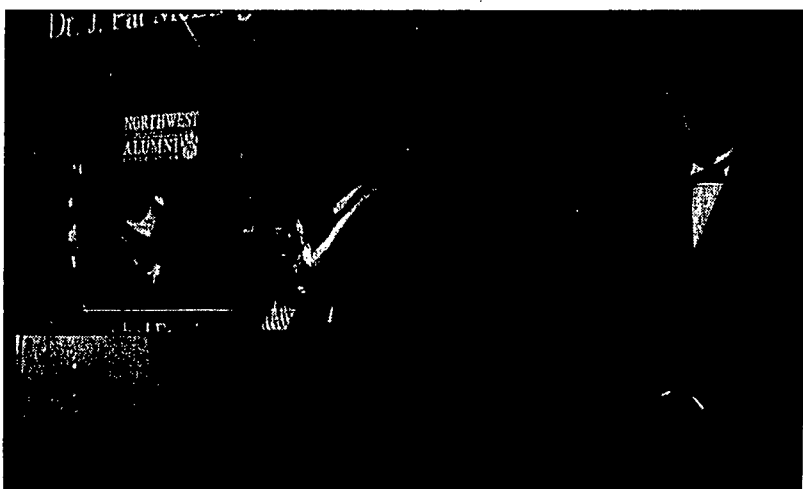


PHOTO BY KELSEY FREUND/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Patrick McLaughlin, professor of accounting, accepts his Distinguished Faculty Award at Friday's Alumni Association Awards Banquet, while Russ Northup, master of ceremonies, looks on.

David Moore was awarded the Citation of Distinguished Alumni Award. He is currently the chairman and CEO of Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation. Charles Place, charter member of the stadium committee and vice president of the Northwest Foundation board, received the Northwest Turret Alumni Service Award, and Darryl "Beaver" Johnson, teacher of English in the Smithville R-II School District, received the Young Alumni Award.

The highlight of the night was when former University President Robert Foster was awarded the Honorary Alumni Award.

A standing ovation was given as Foster was guided to the podium stairs. Foster, currently wheelchair bound, had a speaker give thanks on his behalf.

"I was a Mule and a Tiger. But now, best of all, I'm a Bearcat," he said. "We're a very special family here at Northwest, and a family we'll be."

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Lower fences stop resident dispute

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville school board members met Tuesday to approve bids to begin renovations on the elementary and high schools.

Waldinger Corp. will begin its work on both the elementary and high schools' heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

After Waldinger finishes placing new HVAC systems in both these buildings, Vincent Roofing Inc. will come and roof the buildings.

Superintendent Jay Reese said the process would take a month to six weeks to complete.

Board members also approved plans to construct an exterior and interior fence around Maryville High School's new track. Reese said the board plans to have a green vinyl chain link fence.

The exterior fence will be seven feet tall and will be placed six feet south of the north property line and 75 feet away from the northeast corner.

The school board compromised with residents living near the high school's north property line by agreeing to place the fence six feet away from the north property line.

"They are concerned about the appearance of the fence and its place," Reese said.

Reese said security was the board's purpose for having fences constructed around the track.

"(We want) to protect the track, football field, the whole area around there and to help with crowd control at our activities and to make sure that vehicles are not on the track," Reese said.

The interior fence will be four feet tall. The cost for both fences is about \$32,000.

Both fences will be constructed at the same time. Reese said as soon as the fences are up, the track surface can be put down. Reese said the track surface will be laid in about a week.

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PHOTO BY TREVOR HAYES/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Jill Jensen, guest speaker at the Optimist Club Installation of New Officers Dinner on Tuesday, spoke about how the club changed her life. Winning the Optimist Club Oratorical Contest gave Jensen confidence to become what she is today, the news director of KQ2.

Optimist club inducts members

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

"He lived optimism daily, so I think it is really unbelievable and yet fitting that we are here tonight to promote, to reward and to install new officers," said Fred Mares, new Optimist Club president.

Tuesday evening, members of Maryville's Optimist Club gathered for dinner and the initiation of new officers on a day that they buried a long-time member, Buck O'Connell.

"Here today, we buried one of our own, and yet, look at the tremendous inspiration that came out of what happened to Buck as he battled with cancer," Mares said.

Optimist Club member Bob Bohlken read his tribute to Buck at the meeting Tuesday night.

"Buck grinned in his usual manner, too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble or death," said Bohlken.

O'Connell not only inspired Mares

to join the Optimist Club but Jill Jensen, news director at St. Joseph's television station KQ2.

Because of the impact Optimist Club members had on Jensen, she went on to achieve her chosen career.

"Jill Jensen, in an emotional way, pointed out that all of us have helped her in her chosen career, just by providing an opportunity to give a speech," Mares said.

Jensen thanked Optimist members Tuesday night for their help and for the lesson she learned when she was 14 years old that forever changed her life.

"It gave me the confidence to go on to great things in broadcasting," Jensen said.

Mares said having Jensen come back and speak gave members a sense of satisfaction to know that what they do is making a difference in people's lives.

Mares said the Optimist Club exists because of the youth they support.

"The Optimist Club of Maryville is an organization with the primary purpose to serve the youth of our community," Mares said.

Through various programs, such as the oratorical and writing contests, the Opti-

mist club provides an opportunity for boys and girls to express themselves. Each year, Optimist Club members strive to achieve the goals of patriotism, humanitarian service to others and developing an optimistic philosophy of life. The main purpose of the club, Mares said, is to be a "friend of youth."

Mares said the members' mix of ages and stages of life are what make the organization so special.

Mares also said he wants Optimist members to make a difference in people's lives as well as in the organization.

"I really view this year as, can we all plant seeds?" Mares said. "Can we plant seeds that will help this organization the following year and the following year, and that's the bottom line."

Community events

Now-Oct. 15: Koats for Kids. Drop off children's coats at the Hangar, HyVee and Movie Magic through Oct. 15.

Thurs. 25: Ladies' Aerobics. First Baptist Church, 7-8 p.m.

Fri. 26: Miniature Golf Outing. Last day to sign up; call Tina Coffelt 937-3133.

Senior Luncheon. Maryville Community Center. Pre-register by Oct. 9.

6th grade cemetery trip. Maryville Middle School, 9:45-1:45.

Sat. 27: State Public Speaking Contest.

Ballroom Dance Lessons. Maryville Community Center. Pre-register by Oct. 16 at Maryville Parks and Recreation.

Sun. 28: Youth Nite. First Baptist Church, 5:30 p.m.

"For this Child I Grieve." Laura Street Baptist Church, 2:30 p.m.

Mon. 29: Seniors' Pitch game. Parks and Recreation, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Tues. 30: Support Group Session. 720 W. Cooper, 7 p.m.

Wed. 1: Lisa's Paper Folding Club. First Christian Church, 2-4 p.m.

If you would like to have your event published, please call 562-1224 or e-mail sswedberg@missourianonline.com.

Homecoming hits halls of high school

By JANELLE DAVID
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Ken and Barbie, along with cowboys and Indians could be found in the halls of Maryville High School this week for the annual traditions of homecoming.

Throughout the week, students participated in costume contests organized by the Student Council. The overall theme this year was "Showdown in the Ville." The students began the week by dressing in the color pink and will wrap up the week by sporting the school colors, green, white and gold.

A daily tally of dressed up students within each class is conducted. The class with the most in costume will be awarded points.

"We dress up because the seniors have to defend their title and beat the juniors," senior Nate Cracraft said.

Classes also select their best-dressed students to compete against one another to receive ad-



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SUCKOW/COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR
Cowboy and Indian day, Wednesday's homecoming theme, came to life before geometry class Wednesday at Maryville High School. Other themes for the week included Pink Day, Ken and Barbie Day, Dress Like Your Favorite Senior Day and Spirit Day for Friday's football game.

ditional points.

On Friday, a pep assembly consisting of several contests will be held during class time. A dance-off, obstacle course, pie-eating contest and tug-of-war are some of the games offered for classes to earn points. Decorations placed in each class' specified area

around the stadium will also be judged for points.

Prior to the football game, the school will reveal the results for their homecoming royalty.

Thirty-four students are to compete for king and queen: Last year's king, Casey Thompson, and queen, Amanda Kisker,

will crown the winners.

At the end of the homecoming game, the winning class will be announced, granting them supremacy and bragging rights.

A dance in the high school gymnasium will follow.

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Local fashion chicks celebrate first year with open house

By LIZZI SEXTON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Having evolved from Lamaze to le chic, long time friends Diana Pederson and Diane Thomsen had not always planned on starting a jewelry business.

"Our girls grew up together; we used to be neighbors," said Pederson, co-owner of The Fashion Chicks, L.C.C. Jewelry and Fashion Boutique. "It's been fun having our own store and making a go at it together."

Inspired by a charm bracelet production in Omaha, Neb.,

Pederson, a decorative painter, and Thomsen, a full-time legal assistant, first thought the trade would make a great high school fund-raiser or college business for their daughters.

However, the school was tied to other projects and their daughters were simply too busy.

A year ago, the comrades decided to turn their idea into a small business by establishing The Fashion Chicks, L.C.C. Jewelry and Fashion Boutique.

Aside from operating out of a showroom in Pederson's home, the entrepreneurs have been featured at trade shows and com-

munity events and have been a bit surprised by their success.

"We never talked about what we had expected, but it's hard to believe we have done so well," Pederson said.

With help from a buyer in Omaha, Thomsen and Pederson attempt to provide affordable jewelry and accessories for all styles. Pop-art purses, toggle and bangle watches and turquoise jewelry are some of their best sellers.

Thomsen said anticipated responding to the changing needs of the customers and enjoys the satisfaction brought to returning shoppers.

"In a year, we have been able to hit all markets," Thomsen said. "We have found what everyone likes, which lets customers know that we will cater to them."

The Fashion Chicks will be celebrating its one-year anniversary with an open house.

The doors of 115 E. Edwards St. will be open on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The business operates every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

They also offer home shows by calling 582-4667 or 582-8623.

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PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Diane Thomsen and Diana Pederson display their products to allow easy viewing by their customers. "This is our job, and it's something we love," Pederson said.

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Our View

Abandon apathy

As Representative Brad Lager takes initiative in finding merger answers, students are encouraged to do the same

At an emergency Faculty Senate meeting last week, the faculty and 4th District State Rep. Brad Lager presented questions and concerns to University President Dean Hubbard's Cabinet about Northwest's possible merger with the University of Missouri system.

Since the beginning of the trimester, there have been numerous meetings about the possible merger. Those meetings have been informative, but key information is still missing for students, faculty and especially Lager.

While questions about tuition increases, faculty research, insurance and benefits remain unanswered, Lager continues to help students and faculty seek out those answers through past, present and future projects. Spearheading town hall meetings with various members of campus and community in demand of the truth, as well as other projects, Lager has obtained answers previously explained as unanswerable.

Ironically, his efforts far eclipse those of our University's own president.

For his actions, we at *The Northwest Missourian* extend a thank you to Lager for his hard work at seeking out the answers we need before deciding on the merger.

Last week's Faculty Senate meeting could have been a precursor to what is in store for the rest of this year in regards to the merger. People will continue to have questions, and the Cabinet will continue to say they do not have the answers.

As Ray Courter, vice president of Finance, said last week, "I want to reinforce that we all want to have our questions answered. But, right now, we can't give you what you want."

When the Cabinet had answers for students' or faculty's questions, the merger would be presented to the legislature, Lager said.

Maybe it is because he is a Northwest graduate and wants to see his alma mater make the right choice, but it seems Lager has taken this issue to heart.

While Lager continues to ask for answers, the students are doing very little on campus.

Last Thursday, a town hall meeting was held for students to voice concerns about the merger. Thirty students showed up to ask questions. *Thirty students.*

Also, Student Representative Paul Klute and Student Senate president Emily Dix sent out a survey about the merger. Only 611 students, or about 10 percent of the student body, have responded. *Ten percent.*

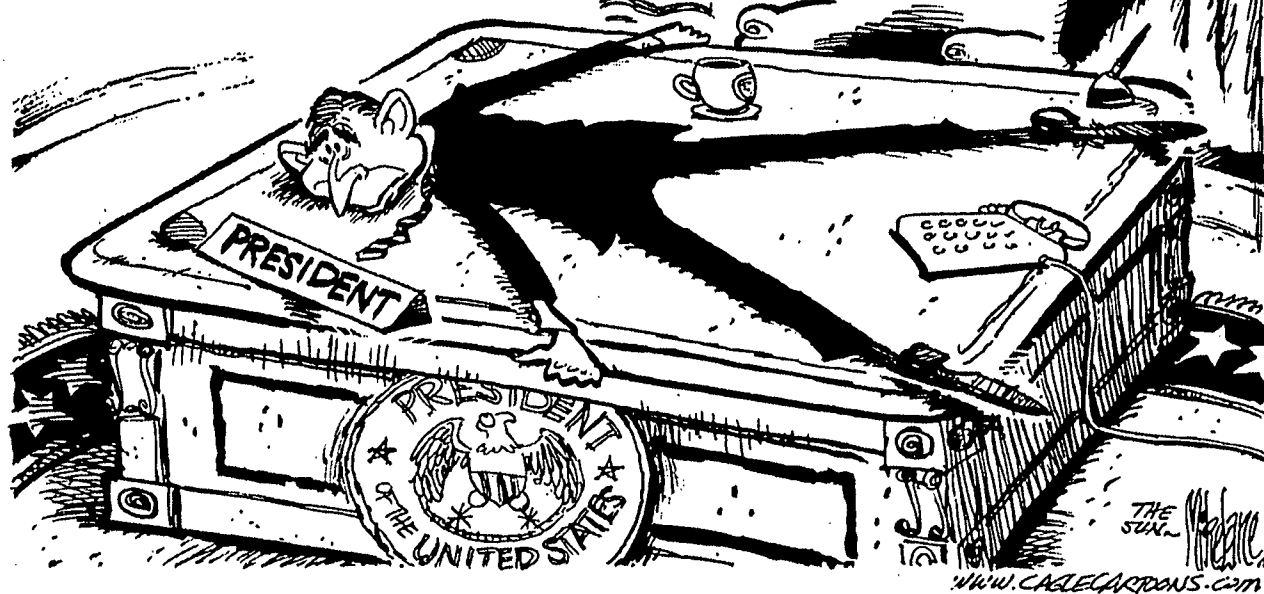
How is the voice of the students supposed to be heard on this issue when so few are giving feedback or seem to care at all?

If the merger happens, do not let it happen without the support or dissent of Northwest's student body. Believe it or not, your opinion matters.

Kudos to Rep. Lager.

And, until they make their voices heard, shame on the students.

"MEANWHILE, AMERICANS WHO HAVE JOBS CLING TO THEM DESPERATELY..."



YOUR VIEW

What kind of fast food do you wish you could pay for with your Bearcat Card?



"Baskin Robbins and Dairy Queen. I love ice cream and eat it at least twice a day."

Mary Verbeck
Pre-Professional Zoology



"Happy Garden because they deliver and it's different Chinese besides what there is at the Union."

Adrian Keegan
Pre-Pharmacy



"Mr. Goodcents. It's good food, and I get sick of pizza a lot."

Laura Vescovo
Vocal Music Education



"A Chinese restaurant because it doesn't seem like fast food like what we have here on campus. If I could get real food that came to me, that would be great."

Lacey Bagley
Journalism

The 'Ville craves some fresh entertainment

Everyone in Maryville has the same complaint: there is nothing to do. Now, before you go and say, "What does this guy think he is going to do to change that?" I want you to know I agree with you.

I, too, believe that Maryville lacks much of anything to do if you don't prefer to frequent the local drinking establishments. What is missing this year, though, is the "big name acts" that came to campus last year and performed.

Sure, Hoobastank and Greenwheel aren't exactly on the same level as, say, the Dave Matthews Band or Limp Bizkit, but they were a change from the cheery tunes played on the Bell Tower.

About a month later, Tech N9ne came to campus with his gangsta rap which proved to be another big hit.

In the spring semester, we were blessed with the presence of Coolio and DJ Rob Base which, again, I guess was better than nothing.

Basically, what I'm saying is that there is a calling for concerts to be on campus. But another thing that I noticed when looking at what groups

My View

COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR



came to campus was that none of the acts were from the country genre. Believe it or not, I actually think there would be a bigger response to someone like Keith Urban or Blake Shelton than you think.

Whether students want to admit it or not, deep down, almost all of them enjoy country music to some extent.

So, instead of just sitting here and complaining about what we used to have on campus, I compiled a short list of bands that could come to campus to take away from the daily grind.

Maroon 5: Though the group is just now starting to get the attention of radio stations, they would provide the alternative/pop mix that students want. It's not like they aren't in the area either. Tour stops include Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis.

Lifeline: I know they may be a little bit washed up, but wasn't El Coolio Magnifico washed up too? In my opinion, money isn't a good excuse on this one either. They made a stop less than two years ago at Truman State University.

Kenny Rogers: OK, so I just threw that one in to see if you were still reading or not.

Keith Urban: I'm not going to be ridiculous and say we need someone like Kenny Chesney to come to campus, but Urban could be a nice change of pace to break the usual trend of having bands that cater to the non-country sector.

I guess time will tell us whether we will be blessed with another semester of Krasnoyarsky National Dance Company of Siberia or something students will attend for more than class credit.

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"What the hell is in the Maryville water that makes everyone think they need to be some kind of freakin' hero at the bars by starting fights? You stupid punks really need to just let me get drunk in peace."

"Yo, I saw some fine-lookin' mamas Saturday. I propose Family Day every weekend!"

"To call the CMSU fans 'Jackasses' is a true insult to the animal itself. Go Bearcats."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist overlooks Greek positives

I am writing in response to the Sept. 14 opinion article "Doomed sorority rush provides a new view on Greek Life." I am a recent sorority alum who just happened to pick up the paper and read Alexis Hejna's commentary. I found myself agreeing on many of the points she made.

I think that it is hard to show people who you really are in just a few days, and being dropped is a very negative side to recruitment.

Since the number of women rushing this fall was small, I feel like almost all the girls (obviously excluding those who have grade issues) should have had the opportunity to join a sorority. I think the more women, the better!

But the sororities are so pressed for time and have a certain number of women they must drop each night, so it is inevitable that some will slip through the cracks (which is a definite downside).

However, I wanted to clear up a few things. First of all, the writer made the statement at the end of the story that she did not think Northwest's sororities were "stereotypical." Well, she clearly stated that she felt out of place from the start because she was not wearing Abercrombie & Fitch clothing and

that she felt like she had to smile as much as she could without causing permanent damage. In addition, she said she thought she had to behave in a certain way not to be dropped by a sorority. She said she had to behave in "their way."

This, to me, is all stereotypical. I do not think that most of the women would expect you to act like anyone but yourself.

If you look at the Greek women on campus, you will notice how diverse all of us really are. I, personally, have always been sincere during rush and never felt like I had to behave in one way or another. I felt comfortable to be myself no matter what.

I am truly sorry that more women did not get to join a sorority. I do feel that things need to be tweaked. However, I do not think the women themselves need to change. We recruit to find the women with good grades, who conduct themselves in a positive way, who have strong and moral character, who are unique in their own way and who want to be a part of something that will change their lives forever!

CARISSA KALKBRENNER
VOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION

President's policies not quite so innocent

Sean Comer, in his recent column on Mr. Bush's policies, makes two major points.

First, he defends the administration's steadily increasing spending on the war in Iraq as unavoidable because there was pressure to act after the attacks on Sept. 11. Second, Mr. Comer argues that the government's tax cuts will "let people keep more money so they can pump it back into the economy." Mr. Comer goes on to applaud the cutting of "battered government programs" and demands to also cut back on the country's "military operations."

One could dismiss this article as using inconsistent logic (you can't congratulate Mr. Bush for defying the United Nations, starting a war and then state that "the role of peacekeeping force doesn't have to be ours in...Iraq"). One could also point out that the tax cuts are the reason why tuition at this and other universities keeps rising. But there is something more serious here—the fact that Mr. Comer's article uncritically repeats this administration's claims (Hussein and bin Laden are both impli-

cated in the Sept. 11 attacks; tax cuts are good for the economy) seems to indicate that these mantras are taking effect on the populace.

Yet when the tax cuts are hailed as "putting money in people's pockets," it isn't mentioned that over 40 percent of this money goes to the richest 1 percent of the population. It is furthermore seldom acknowledged, as John Cassidy wrote in a recent article in the *New Yorker*, that the wealthy tend to hoard their tax savings rather than spend them. Cassidy calls to attention another "side effect" of Mr. Bush's fiscal policies: "Many of the...giveaways, such as the cut in dividend taxes and the abolition of the estate tax...won't get distributed until 2008," when "the aging of the population will start to deplete the Treasury...The first boomers will...pick up their social security check. Unless the retirement programs are reformed (and there's little sign of that happening) this...will have a crushing effect on the government's finances."

This year, the federal deficit

will exceed \$400 billion. The prediction for the next decade is an accumulated deficit of nearly \$5 trillion. While some justly argue that Mr. Bush can't be blamed alone for the former figure (the stock market crash, the recession and the terrorist attacks are certainly not his doing), he can nevertheless be held accountable for the latter. After all, this predicted deficit is in no small part the result of the costly and ill-planned occupation of Iraq (recent estimated cost: \$179 billion and rising) and the financing of the tax cuts.

Nobody expects miracles from Mr. Bush; the recession and the arguably justified war in Afghanistan are big enough problems to handle. But the disturbing thing about this administration is, on the one hand, its careless funding of adventures that don't even remotely benefit the general public and the propagandistic rationalizations (freedom, terrorists, good vs. evil, tax cuts for all) for these actions on the other.

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Former deputy running for Nodaway County sheriff

in August 2004. The general election will take place the following November.

White said he feels the department is not living up to its full potential, something he says he knows firsthand. Until July, he worked for the department as a deputy, serving as the county's Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer and K-9 handler. His intent to run for sheriff, White said, is why he is no longer employed with the department.

"The honest answer is when the current sheriff found that I had intentions to run for sheriff, he fired me," White said. I have heard rumors that he has tried to tell people I actually resigned, and that's not true. I told him I was running against him, and

he fired me. There's a lot of it that goes on. I'm certainly not the first person to have that happen, and I'm sure I won't be the last."

Espey, who is in his 11th year as sheriff, said the circumstances of White's leaving the department were far different.

"He was not fired; he quit on his own," Espey said. "He was questioned over excessive use of the county-issued cell phone, with which he had used over 700 minutes in one month, and the phone was taken away from him. He was also questioned over his uncontrolled use of adding compensation time without approval, and his ability to work as a team player with the rest of the department. It all happened during a phone conversation

that was tape recorded with a sergeant and a lieutenant present."

Espey said that, while the nature of crime has changed in his three terms as Nodaway County sheriff, the dedication and performance of officers in his department has not.

"Our officers can get paid good money to go elsewhere, but they work for the Nodaway County sheriff's department because they're dedicated people who want to help the community, not just for a paycheck," Espey said. "I can tell that by the response I get when I ask them to do calls or have them come in on their off time. If you're there just for a paycheck, you're not going to come in on your off time."

A Maryville resident since 1978,

White formerly served as a paramedic in St. Joseph, Kansas City and Nodaway County before joining the department as a full-time officer in 1999. Despite the dedication of law enforcement officers, White said the connection between law enforcement and community needs re-establishment.

"I take the approach that if you have a department that goes out and becomes involved with the people in the community, some of the larger problems begin to take care of themselves," White said. "The police department doesn't solve crimes, the sheriff's department doesn't solve crimes. It's the people in the community who get out and work with law enforcement to solve crimes. It's really a partnership."

Espey, who last term was the first sheriff to run unopposed in more than 60 years, said the visibility of he and his department within the community has always remained satisfactory.

"I feel like the department has been accessible to people," he said. "It always has been, and it always will be. The community comes first. When you arrest somebody's spouse or kid, some of the people aren't going to be happy with what you do, but you do what you know is right, and you do it in a professional manner."

White said, despite the circumstances surrounding his campaign, his motivations for running have not been influenced, nor has his attitude toward the position.

"My beliefs have not really changed; I don't hold in any anger, and it's not a personal thing," White said. "This is something that I decided to do, and I'm not doing it to get at anybody. I'm doing it because I believe that I'm the best person for that job."

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Hubbard: Merger will not be proposed to Board of Regents

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

As President Dean Hubbard began the Student Senate-sponsored town hall meeting Thursday, one thing was made clear: the merger with the University of Missouri system will not be proposed to the Board of Regents.

"If we were to propose something (at the October Board of Regents meeting), we would have to have things finalized in the next two to three weeks, and that isn't going to happen," Hubbard said.

"At the October meeting, you won't see a vote by the Board," Hubbard concluded.

Thursday, students asked the Cabinet questions ranging in subject from tuition rates and enrollment surges to the operations of the four universities in the UM system.

When asked about the approach he and UM system President Elson Floyd took last Spring, Hubbard said: "Elson and I decided we were going to be open in discussion, but people can say, 'Why are you introducing this without knowing the answers?' Or we could have waited and then, when we introduced it, they would say, 'Well, why are you asking us because you've already made up your mind?'"

In regards to the possible obstacles Northwest and the UM system could face, Hubbard said the lack of an algorithm would be "a definite showstopper."

"I'm not interested in a fight to see who makes the most money," Hubbard said.

Another question dealt with the enabling legislation, which expires Aug. 28, 2004.

That bill gives both Northwest and the UM system 11 months to get it passed by the legislature.

While only 30 students came to the meeting, Student Regent Paul Klute said he has received a lot of responses.

"I think the feedback is consistent with what we had last year," Klute said. "But this semester, it's more qualitative than quantitative. Tuition seems to be the No. 1 concern right now."

In regards to the circulation of information to incoming freshmen and transfer students, Kent Porterfield, vice president of student services, said it can be tough.

"Once the (Board of Regents and Board of Curators) have said something, then you have to focus on marketing, and that's a challenge," Porterfield said. "You'd be talking about a transition. We've already sent letters around, and we tried to answer their questions."

Overall, Hubbard said certain things have to happen to get the merger passed.

"It's a lot like a marriage," Hubbard said. "You have to have trust. If you don't trust the other partner, don't do it. Right now, there's a list of five things that would trigger a divorce."

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Residence halls could receive new cable

should probably be going above and beyond."

The bidding process for new cable service contracts will take place in the spring once the cable's infrastructure is updated.

"We as an institution want to be ready so when we get to the bidding process and choose our provider, it's pretty much down to flipping a switch," Hertzler said.

Hertzler said several aspects would be considered when determining which bid to choose, such as expanded channels and the costs associated with them, a contact person for cable emergencies and a time allotment for its reconstruction, as well as any other features of which the campus is unaware.

According to the extensive resident satisfaction surveys sent out every spring to measure on-campus living experiences, the cable service sector received mediocre results.

"Our results over the past few years weren't horrible, but when you look at it in comparison to other schools, we're not doing as well in terms of cable and the service we're providing," Hertzler said.

On-campus viewers may see changes in the near future with the channels being broadcasted. The Residence Hall Association is in the process of detecting what students want for their viewing pleasure.

Paul Klute, former president of RHA and current student regent, is compiling an Internet-based

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MARK HETZLER
RESIDENTIAL LIFE
DIRECTOR

survey for students to rank their top 35 channels.

"We've designed the survey to find out which channels on-campus students watch most frequently, and if they aren't in our repertoire of channels, we'll fix that," Klute said.

That data will then be compiled and sent back to Residential Life and RHA to analyze. Channels that are ranked lower than others have the possibility of getting exchanged with higher ranking channels to improve student satisfaction.

"Currently, students are upset about their cable offerings, and this is an opportunity to voice their opinions," Klute said.

The survey will be available on Webstar for the following two weeks for students to participate.

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Food for the soul



PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Guest at the annual Soul Food Dinner wait in line to choose from a variety of foods. A large percentage of dinner guests were families of Northwest students visiting for Family Day.

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Northwest officials say they are not computer police

Record Industry of America) needs to change with the times."

But Morenet, which provides network services to almost all of Missouri's universities, warns that although it does not monitor illegal mp3 downloading, it does have a policy that covers that area.

"Our Acceptable Use policy, we believe, covers (illegal mp3 downloading); it just doesn't spell it out specifically," said Ben Colley, Interim Director of Communications for Morenet. "But it does fall under the copyrighted material category, and that would be illegal."

Colley also stated that Morenet is not considering revising its monitoring policies to include mp3 downloading. "By and large, the universities are responsible for that," he said.

As far as Northwest policies are concerned, Hubbard foresees no changes in regard to illegal mp3 downloading.

"It's an enormously expensive proposition," Hubbard said. "It just depends on how out of control it gets. My impression is that everything is working good this year. All we can do is let the students know it's illegal."

Hubbard did cite a preventive measure taken by Cornell University in New York that he does not want to see Northwest pursue. Cornell allocates students with a certain internet bandwidth for educational purposes only, and anything over what's needed for academic research is charged to the student, according to Hubbard.

University policies aside, Hubbard is split on the illegal mp3 issue.

"I think creative people deserve a return on what they do; if not, creativity would be stifled," he said. "Art is an important quality of life, and I wouldn't want to kill it. I don't condone it, but I think the music industry needs to get with the times. They can't sue everyone."

According to Reuters, since the RIAA began filing lawsuits against individuals with large illegal mp3 libraries in June, Kazaa, a leading provider for illegal file sharing, has lost 40 percent of its 7 million users.

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Drought still reigns

And while the land continues to stay dry, the question "How long has this drought been going on?" has been debated.

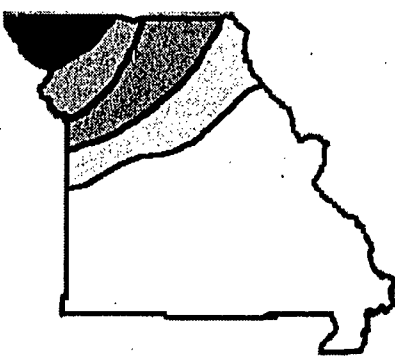
"It seems to me we've had drought problems since 1999," Larson said. "We've had some rain and some decent crops in that time period, but a lot of producers are beginning to experience lack of water in livestock now."

Aside from the livestock problems, lack of bean and corn productions have also raised eyebrows.

"Crops were about half normal last Spring," Nance said. "The majority of farmers haven't made any money, and with the way the weather has been and the drought has been, that will continue."

Agriculture major Jeff DeWeese

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has been involved with farming his whole life. And going back to his days as farming in Bruswig, Mo., one thing is vital: help from mother nature.

"Farming all depends on the weather," DeWeese said. "You can put on all the fertilizer you want, but if you don't have water, there's nothing

you can do."

At press time, 2.10 inches of rain have fallen on the area in the month of September. The average amount of precipitation is 3.91. Will it happen?

"It's basically just hope," DeWeese said. "You hope the good years will counteract the bad years."

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Conservation becomes common in Skidmore

restrictions in 1988 that forced the city to consider trucking in water. However, in 1995 Maryville began to rely on Mozingo instead of the 102 River, and the town has not had water restrictions since then.

"If we were still on the 102 River's water supply, we would be pretty desperate for water right now," Chesnut said.

Decker also said no one else takes water from the lake except the city. The city sells water to people who live outside the city and to the Rural Water District 1. Then the Rural Water District 1 sells the water to towns near Maryville.

Over the winter, Chesnut said Maryville would need to start watching the water levels of Mozingo and think of ways to encourage people to conserve water.

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Heritage of HATE

Vehicles with Confederate flags or other related symbols produce reactions ranging from pride to fear.

By Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

For some, it represents country life and light-hearted rebellion. For others it is equated with lifetimes of oppression and hardship.

Vehicles with Confederate flags and similar symbolic messages dot the both the commuter and resident parking lots. The emblems seen on campus represent a variety of views and produce a variety of reactions.

Dave Balias said the "white power" sticker on his truck presents his views of racial mixing.

"I'm just expressing my opinions," Balias said. "Some people might call me a racist, but I think people should stick to their own."

To others, displaying the paraphernalia, the emblems are a symbol of rebellion and country life. Jason Gregory, who drives a Chevy Silverado, posted a sticker with a Confederate flag and the words "Cowboys Rule."

"It just states who I am. It just describes me," Gregory said. "It's a country truck."

Brandy Ragar's truck plays host to a variety of stickers including three Confederate flags of varying size. Ragar says the stickers, which are a form of self-expression, are representative of her youth.

"I had 19 people in my graduating class," Ragar said. "We're all a bunch of hicks."

For many black students, the windshield and bumper stickers are a reference to the Confederate South.

"Based on history, that flag is associated with the South. And when you think of the Civil War South, you automatically think of slavery," Alicia Hill said.

Kailea Cook said she automatically equates the Confederate flag with racism.

"Everyone knows by now what that symbol stands for," Cook said. "If you have it up there, you have it up there for a reason."

Though many black students find the flag offensive, Ragar and Gregory maintain there is no reason to view it that way. Both said they do not intend to offend.

"I'm looking at it with a rebel connotation; I just kind of like to make my own way," Gregory said. "It should be taken for face value and nothing more."

According to Balias, the "white power" sticker has produced a lot of strange looks. He said he does not define himself as a racist but sees how others might interpret his views that way.

"My beliefs are that people should just be with their own and not mix cultures," Balias said. "But that doesn't make me a racist."

To many black students, the intent of the stickers or emblems has little to do with the effect. Hill feels that cars displaying the Confederate flag or other stickers are disrespectful to her culture.

"A lot of people say that it's just a flag, but it's more than that," Hill said. "That's just a way of sugarcoating

that you're prejudiced."

Shawna Billups said seeing a Confederate flag in a car window makes her nervous.

"Whenever I see those flags, it's kind of chilling because you don't know what that person is thinking," Billups said.

Both Gregory and Ragar said they do not wish to be viewed as racists. Gregory said that if he offended or frightened someone, he would apologize but that he would not remove the sticker from his truck.

"If people would lump me into that group without knowing me, I guess they are entitled to their opinion," Gregory said. "But it's not illegal for me to have it."

Ragar said that if anyone came up to her and asked her if she was a racist, she would automatically say no.

"But if they don't come up to me and ask me, then they can make their own assumptions," Ragar said. "You

can't judge a book by its cover."

Though both Ragar and Gregory suggest that people should approach them to dispel stereotypes, Hill said it's the last thing she would want to do. She said that she automatically thinks that individuals who display Confederate flags or other related symbols are ignorant and bigamous.

"The likelihood of me to approach you is slim to none," Hill said. "I wouldn't want to be out at night here if that person is on the road."

WHITE POWER

Racist

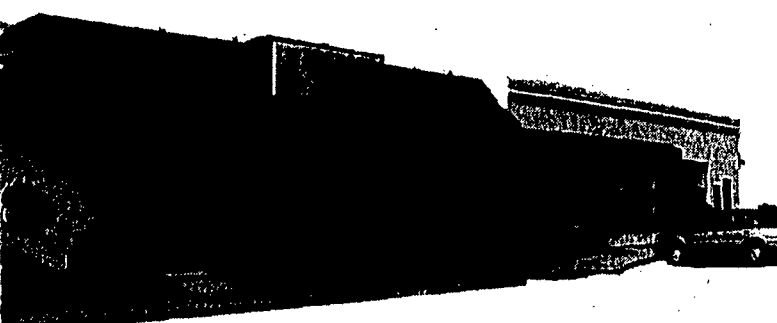
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Rebel



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Stickers, including "white power" and "cowboys rule," don vehicles campus wide, producing various responses. Statements from vehicle owners and black students provide examples of reactions.

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Game 4
Northwest at Rolla



Northwest goes for conference win No. 1 on road at Mo.-Rolla

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

When Northwest makes the road trip to Rolla this weekend, they are hoping to not make history. The University of Missouri-Rolla Miners have not won an MIAA game since 1997, but, according to head coach Mel

Tjeerdsma, Rolla is not a team to overlook. "Rolla is a team that is improving," Tjeerdsma said. "They are dangerous on offense, scoring 35 points last weekend at Missouri Southern."



WR Andre Rector -doubtful for Saturday's game.

If there were a week when

Rolla's losing streak did not seem to be in jeopardy, this would be it.

After dropping the MIAA opener to Central Missouri State University, the Bearcats seem to be avoiding an even bigger letdown this week.

"We are going to work on fixing our problems," Tjeerdsma said. "It doesn't matter if we are playing Rolla or Pitt State; our preparation has to be at the same level."

One element the Miners have that could cause problems for (Please see 'Northwest' page 2B)



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville senior defensive lineman Cody Blackford and the rest of the defensive crew will see a similar offense in Smithville to what they saw in St. Pius X last Friday.

3-0 Spoofhounds enter MEC conference play with focus on Smithville

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

This is when they all start getting excited, and this is when it counts.

The Spoofhounds will begin conference action at 7 p.m. this Friday against Smithville in the 'Hound Pound.

Even with Platte County looming ahead and Chillicothe awaiting at the end of the season, the 'Hounds have their focus on the 2-1 Warriors.

Game 4



Smithville Warriors (2-1)
at
Maryville Spoofhounds (3-0)

Where: The 'Hound Pound
Kickoff: 7 p.m.
Bottom line: The 'Hounds will aim for another undefeated September. They finished September 2002 at 4-0.

"They do a lot of the same things St. Pius did, so we see a similar offense two weeks in a row," head coach John Pelzer said. (Please see '3-0' page 2B)

Key senior places high in first meet

Injury has no affect on Grosse at Greeno Invite

By ANDREW MADDEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When recovering from injury, most people are satisfied with just getting to compete again.

A car wreck forced junior Ashley Grosse to miss the first two meets of the season.

Despite her not being able to train as hard as her teammates earlier in the season, Grosse had great results in her first meet back. She finished first on the team leading the 'Cats to a 15th place finish at the Greeno Invitational.

"(Leading the team) felt really good," Grosse said. "I wasn't sure how it was going to turn out."

Grosse's 74th place finish and time of 24:53 was followed by Heather Searls at 94th and 25:14, Megan Hamilton at 107th and 25:27, Dia McKee at 125th and 25:44, and Heather Brokaw at 126th and 25:45.

The men had another good finish, once again led by senior Jamison Phillips. The 'Cats finished 10th out of 30 teams, scoring 230 points in the process. All five of the runners finished in the top 100, a key to their success. The 'Cats also had to account for a tougher-than-usual course.

"You have to get off to a good start," Jamison Phillips said. "The course gets narrow, and once it does, you can't pass. We got all our guys close together and packed up well."

Phillips finished 25th with a time of 26:39, followed by Chad Fowler with a time of 26:53, Bryan Touney with a time of 27:01, John Heil at 27:01, and Derek Delanty at 27:46.

While the seniors were expected to place that high, Touney was a surprise. He was the highest finishing freshman in the meet.

"We knew coming in we had a solid top four as far as seniors," Phillips said. "Brian (Touney) is stepping up and showing we have a solid group."

The 'Cats are now looking forward to the Doane College Invitational in Crete, Neb.

"We have a good chance at winning that meet (at Doane)," Phillips said. "Doane has a really fast No. 1 guy. We may not have an individual champion, but we should pack up well, and that should lead us to victory."

The women run at 10 a.m. followed by the men's 8-kilometer race at 10:30 a.m.



Northwest cross country

Quiet Aggression



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northwest freshman outside hitter Mackenzie Heston has worked her way up to be one of the Bearcat's premier players. She leads the team in several statistical categories. She was named to the all-tournament team in the Quincy, Ill., tournament to start the season.

Opposing teams are quickly finding out who Mackenzie Heston is

By CLARK GRELL
DESIGN EDITOR

She's silent, but her game—not so much.

Quietly, Mackenzie Heston is becoming one of the Northwest volleyball team's leaders, and she is doing it with her aggressive style of play.

"She's a pretty quiet player," head coach Lori DeJongh-Slight said. "Mackenzie is the workhorse that gets the job done. She just does her job, and she does it great. She doesn't worry about anybody else; she worries about herself."

Heston is not intimidated either, not even by teams such as Washburn University and Central Missouri State University, who are both ranked nationally.

"She went up against some of the juniors and seniors in our conference who have major experience," Slight said. "Mackenzie went out there and just hammered on them."

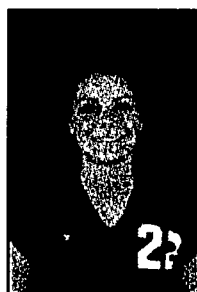
Amazingly, Heston is not doing it as a senior, or junior and not even as a sophomore.

Heston is surging as a freshman, which has Slight thrilled that Heston—along with the other freshmen—will be around for another three years.

It was through Slight and others that Heston found out about Northwest. But it is hard work that has made her one of the top players on the team and eventually the MIAA conference.

"I didn't expect it," Heston said. "But I definitely worked at it."

Heston's hard work has translated (Please see 'Heston' page 3B)



Heston

HESTON BY THE NUMBERS

As of Sept. 23

Stat	No.	Team rank
Games	52	1st
Kills	170	1st
Digs	141	2nd
Blocks	43	1st
Serve aces	10	3rd

Bearcat spikers drop 14th straight

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Each set Wednesday started close for the Northwest volleyball team against Missouri Western State College, but none of them ended that way.

After jumping out to an early lead in each of the first three sets, the Bearcats saw their chance to claim their first MIAA win slip away.

In the first set, Northwest got the night started with a Mackenzie

Heston spike, but, after gaining a 7-5 lead, they saw the game slowly slip away. Late in the match, Northwest allowed the Griffons to go on a 15-5 run to close out the set.

"I think that comes back to mental toughness," Slight said. "We come out ready to play, then the score doesn't show in the first game. The focus isn't where it needs to be, and you see the doubt start to slip in. I don't know if

that is a coachable thing. That's a personnel thing. We need to have someone step up and play."

Northwest dropped the next two sets in similar fashion to the first, squandering their chances late in the match.

"Tonight, we had a few girls at 150 percent and a few at 60 percent," Slight said. "It doesn't work that way. I can't make them want to win. They have to dig down a little deeper and want to win."



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Carrie Johnson misses a dig in the first set of the Bearcats' three-set loss to Missouri Western Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena.

Bearcats put end to scoring drought

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

It's over.

After 349 minutes of going without scoring a goal, freshman Emily Perkins scored for the Northwest soccer team on Tuesday taking a certain amount of pressure off the team.

"(The goal) would have been a better relief had we won the game," head coach Tracey Cross said. "We need confidence to score. We need to teach them discipline when they are defending, and at the end of that hard work, it will result in scoring."

The streak-ending goal for the Bearcats would not be enough though as they fell to Rockhurst 2-1.

Rockhurst got on the board early when, on a throw-in, Rachel Benben did a flip while throwing the ball in. The ball sailed past the Northwest defense to the awaiting head of Molly Wiman to put the Lady Hawks ahead early 1-0.

I think that the wind played a factor, and the goalkeeper didn't play it right," Cross said. "It was (Please see 'Bearcats' page 3B)



Rockhurst
2
Northwest
1

Maryville gets back on track with MEC win

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Spoofhound softball team is still rolling, despite a lackluster performance in the Chillicothe tournament.

The 'Hounds beat Platte County Tuesday night 8-6. The 'Hounds performed well at the plate earning 11 hits. The win improves their record to 13-4. The 'Hounds are undefeated in conference, 4-0, with only two conference games left.

Last Saturday, the 'Hounds had a well-played, but had a disappointing finish at the Chillicothe Tournament. The 'Hounds won two games and lost two games earning a fourth place (Please see 'Maryville' page 3B)

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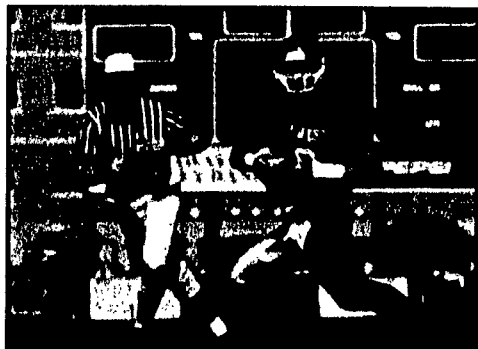
Maryville soccer

A little revenge was on the minds of the 'Hounds' soccer team Tuesday. To find out whom the 'Hounds defeated and who scored goals for the team, turn to page 3B.



Maryville volleyball

The 'Hound spikers continue to rack up wins. Turn to page 3B to find out how the team did in the last week and to see the coach's comments on Tuesday's game at Chillicothe.



Northwest football

For more on Saturday's game at Missouri-Rolla, turn to page 2B. There you will find the injury report, conference standings and other information about conference games this weekend.



L 0-20

At South Dakota State Minn.-St. Mankato
Coughlin-Alumni Sta- Rickenbrode Stadium,
dium, 7 p.m.

W 23-16

Central Mo. State
Rickenbrode Stadium,
1 p.m.

L 52-24

Central Mo. State
Rickenbrode Stadium,
1 p.m.

Sept. 27

At Missouri-Rolla
Allgood-Bailey Stadium,
6:30 p.m.

Oct. 4

Washburn
Rickenbrode Stadium,
1 p.m.

Oct. 11

At Emporia State
Welch Stadium,
2 p.m.

Oct. 18

Missouri Southern
Rickenbrode Stadium,
1 p.m.

Oct. 25

At Missouri Western
Spratt Stadium,
1 p.m.

Nov. 1

Truman State
Rickenbrode Stadium,
1 p.m.

Nov. 8

Southwest Baptist
Rickenbrode Stadium,
1 p.m.

Nov. 15

vs. Pittsburg State
Fall Classic at
Arrowhead, 2 p.m.

5 Questions before kickoff

1 How will the Bearcats rebound from the loss to CMSU?

2 Who will step up for the Bearcats' run defense?

3 Will Northwest establish a run game against Rolla?

4 If Andre Rector doesn't play, who will fill his role?

5 Will the special teams break off a return for a touchdown?

Look for the answers Sunday night on Missouriianonline.com

TALE OF THE TAPE

Top 25

Division II Top 25

15.7	Scoring Offense	16.3
29.3	Scoring Defense	35.0
316.3	Total Offense	297.3
404.7	Total Defense	450.3
84.7	Rushing Offense	99.7
180.3	Rushing Defense	238.3
231.7	Passing Offense	197.7
224.3	Passing Defense	212.0
27:12	Time of Possession	25:09
2/5	Field Goals	0/0
25.1	Kick Return Avg.	14.1
10.5	Punt Return Avg.	14.3

AROUND THE MIAA

Last Week
CMSU 52 NW 24;
MWSC 39 SBU 7;
SBU 35 WU 28;
PSU 48 TSU 8;
MSSC 49 UMR 35;

This Week
September 13
TSU @ WU 1 p.m.
MSSU @ CMSU 1:30 p.m.
MWSC @ ESU 2 p.m.
PSU @ SBU 2 p.m.
NW @ UMR 6:30 p.m.

MIAA Standings

Team	MIAA	Overall
Central Mo. State	1-0	3-0
Emporia State	1-0	3-0
Pittsburg State	1-0	3-0
Mo. Western	1-0	2-1
Mo. Southern	1-0	1-2
Washburn	0-1	2-1
Northwest	0-1	1-2
SW Baptist	0-1	1-2
Truman	0-1	0-3
Mo. Rolla	0-1	0-3

INJURY REPORT

Andre Rector (WR): Doubtful this week with a shoulder injury

Steve Morrison (S): Out for the season with knee injury.

Dave Tollefson (DE): Will likely miss this week after reinjuring his foot in his first day back at practice.

James Weigan (DT): Doubtful with knee injury

Tony Glover (CB): Out one to three weeks with separated shoulder

Kelly Williams (S): Will play this week after missing last week with a concussion

Ray Fonoti (G): Questionable after spraining ankle in practice on Tuesday.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Gabe Helms and Mike Nanninga bring down Central quarterback Zach Threadgill last Saturday in the MIAA conference opener. Northwest dropped the game 52-24.

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Bearcats hit the road for Missouri-Rolla

the Bearcats is their offense. Rolla tends to spread their offense out and pass which eventually creates large gaps for the running backs.

Even though Miner running back Dan Lester has 134 yards on the year, if he keeps up the pace of the running backs of previous Northwest opponents, his 134 yards could double.

This season, the Bearcats are allowing 180.3 yards a game on the ground.

Senior defensive lineman Mike Nanninga said that the run defense is something that is gaining the most attention at practice.

"It's little things," Nanninga said. "We are making mental mistakes and not filling our gaps. We are a gap control defense, so when people aren't in their gaps, we give up big runs."

Another concern for the Bearcats has been their running game. Northwest is averaging just 84.7 yards a game. There may be hope this week for the Bearcats though. Rolla allows nearly 60 yards more a game on the ground.

In the air attack, Northwest could be without their No. 2 receiver Andre Rector. Rector suffered a partially separated shoulder in the fourth quarter of the Central game. Before his injury, Rec-

tor had 168 yards on eight receptions for two touchdowns.

If Rector, who is listed as doubtful, does not see action, Tjeerdsma said Brandon Rodgers, Adam Otte and Morris White would all likely see more action on the field.

Another player who will likely see more catches is Rector's brother Jamaica. Jamaica moved to No. 3 all time in receiving yards in the third game of his junior year.

"Jamaica does a good job every game," Tjeerdsma said. "The great thing about him is the fact that he enjoys being on the field. It doesn't matter if he gets three catches or 12; he still has fun."

'CAT NOTES

Tjeerdsma approaches milestone: Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is one win away from becoming the winningest coach in Northwest football history. His 89 wins is second behind Ryland Milner who had 90 wins in his 20 years of coaching at Northwest.

Milner's record was 90-63-13. Tjeerdsma has 149 collegiate wins. **Familiar foe:** Northwest has faced the Miners 70 times, which ranks No. 3 on the all-time list for Northwest, behind Truman and Central. Northwest has won 14 of the last 15 meetings

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'Hounds stay at home for Smithville

"They are probably the biggest team we will play so far."

The Warriors feature two offensive tackles with a lot of size. One weighs 360 pounds and the other 260 pounds. Pelzer said Smithville features a quarterback that throws very well. The Warriors also have a new coach in Greg Smith.

The Warriors are at the beginning of a conference schedule that will not be easy for the Spoofhounds. Road trips to Platte County and Chillicothe will make things tougher for the 'Hounds. The Pirates are coming off their 45th consecutive win, and the Hornets always give the 'Hounds fits each year in the district final.

"We all know about these big games that are coming up, but the biggest game right now is the one we have Friday," Pelzer said.

Smithville has already begun conference play, losing to Benton earlier in the season and pounding Lafayette last week, 41-12.

"I'm sure they are going to be jacked up when they come in here," Pelzer said. "With it being homecoming week and all those distractions, it's one of those weeks that makes a coach nervous."

To keep the players focused, each will take a game plan test today over the scouting reports.

"We have the rally cry 'The dance is no fun if you lose the football game,'" Pelzer said. "We're just asking for two hours a day, and I don't think that's a lot to ask, and Friday night, we'll ask for three hours."

'HOUND NOTES

A little fine-tuning: Pelzer said the team is working on fixing little rough spots this week. The coaches are especially emphasizing conditioning this week after the 'Hound defense was on the field for 18 minutes in the first half alone in the team's 36-14 win over St. Pius X last week.

"If we end up in another game where the defense is on the field for 18 minutes of the first half, they should at least have enough wind to stick with it."

Injury free: The team has no injuries to report.

MEC STANDINGS

Team	MEC	Overall
Marville	0-0	3-0
Platte County	2-0	3-0
Chillicothe	0-0	3-0
Cameron	0-0	2-1
Smithville	1-1	2-1
Benton	1-1	1-1
Savannah	0-0	1-2
Lafayette	0-2	0-2

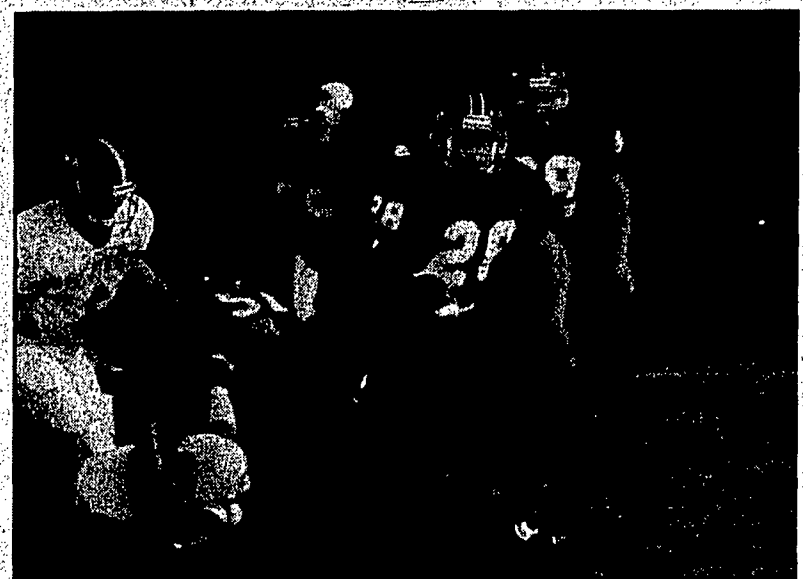


PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Bryce Buholt runs for his first of two touchdowns last week against St. Pius X. Buholt finished the game with 148 yards on nine carries.

'HOUNDS STATS

(Through 3 Games)

Offense	Defense
Rushing (Team)	Rushing Defense
Team Att. Yards	Team Att. Yards
Glenwood 47-298	Glenwood 32-114
Oak Grove 38-90	Oak Grove 38-92
St. Pius X 30-295	St. Pius X 37-98
Total 115-783	Total 107-304
Individual	Passing Defense
Brant Gregg 48-362	Team Comp. Att. Int. Yards
Bryce Buholt 38-322	Glenwood 14 31 2 94
Passing Comp. Att. Int. Yards	Oak Grove 5 18 2 97
Erick Auxier 16 23 1 259	St. Pius X 8 24 2 93
Scoring	Total 27 73 6 234
34.66 points per game	Defense Scoring
	Allow 5.66 points per game

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



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Quiet Aggression: Freshman becomes 'Cats floor leader

into 170 kills, 43 blocks and a .233 attack percentage through 52 games this season. She is tops in all three categories on the team. She is second in digs with 141, just one behind fellow freshman Sarah Trowbridge.

She will likely be leading the team in digs soon because a knee injury to Trowbridge (team leader in digs) will keep the outside hitter out for some time, possibly the rest of the season.

The injury to Trowbridge is a major roadblock for the team this season and will make more work for everyone on the team, including Heston.

That means more of a workload on the native of Ankeny, Iowa.

"It seems like that sometimes," Heston said. "As long as our team keeps getting stronger, then no, I don't feel any pressure."

Slight said Heston has been able to handle the task at hand.

"I don't want her to feel a lot of extra pressure but I think she realizes it," Slight said. "There is more pressure (on Heston), but you wouldn't know it watching her play. She gets the job done, and she plays aggressive."

Aggression has not been the only element that has gotten Heston to this level. Her passion for the sport has driven her more than anything.

"I've been working really hard at it because it's been my dream ever since I began playing volleyball," she said. "I love it so much, and I never want to quit playing."

Her passion for volleyball began in seventh grade. She looked up to her older sister, who, at the time, was playing volleyball.

"She was awesome," Heston said. "Of course, I wanted to be like her."

However, both her older sisters ended up playing softball in college where both ended up with successful careers.

Heston is now looking to follow in her sisters' footsteps, only playing volleyball instead of softball.

As for the team, Heston is confident that even with a 2-14 record, they can matchup with anybody.

"We have to come in with a positive attitude," she said. "We have the ability, and we have the talent. We just have to play together. I know we can beat all the teams we have played. I know we can. We've just got to find that thing."

FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest football			Missouri-Rolla 6:30 p.m.				
Northwest volleyball		Truman State 7 p.m.					Pittsburg State 7 p.m.
Northwest cross country			Doane 10 a.m.				
Northwest soccer			Missouri-Rolla 1 p.m.	Minnesota-Duluth 2 p.m.			Missouri Southern 3 p.m.
Maryville football		Smithville 7 p.m.					
Maryville volleyball	Cameron 5 p.m.					Lafayette 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville boys' soccer						Smithville 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville softball	Benton 4:30 p.m.				Lafayette 5 p.m.		

■ **GAME TO WATCH:** Northwest volleyball gets a real test this Friday when they go to Kirksville to face nationally ranked Truman State. Truman's record is 13-2.

□ Home games

'Hounds pick up MEC victory over Hornets

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After losing for only the second time this season, the Maryville Spoofohounds volleyball team has started a winning trend again with three victories in a row.

After beating Benton last week, the 'Hounds traveled to Lafayette and defeated the Fighting Irish in three games and then had yet another road game. The team made the long road trip Chillicothe Tuesday night where they won in two games (25-17, 25-16).

"We played okay," head coach Heather Stoecklein said. "The other team didn't play as well as we thought they would, so it kind of threw us out of our game."

Before the match even started, there was a little confusion about what was going on.

"The (referees) never did show up," Stoecklein said. "They did find two refs 15 minutes before the game that were certified to do the varsity game."

When the match finally started, the 'Hounds came out determined to win.

"We pretty much started out from the beginning and played our game,"

Stoecklein said. "All the girls were able to play which is always good."

When the statistics were totaled after the match, Mallory Herring led the team with 9 kills, Clara Anderson led with 7 digs, and Jalene Dredge led with 10 assists.

With Tuesday's victory over Chillicothe, the 'Hounds brought their season record to 9-2-1.

"I think we're playing pretty good overall, and hopefully, we can improve every day for districts," Stoecklein said.

Although the season is only about half over, the 'Hounds are looking forward to the postseason and playing in districts.

"I think we have a really good chance," Stoecklein said. "The neat thing about our district is that anybody can win at any time, so there's never a clear favorite."

After three games on the road, the 'Hounds are finally back in action at 7 p.m. tonight at Maryville High School against conference rival and defending district champion Cameron.



Hounds volleyball

Soccer avenges early loss

By JEROME BOETTCHER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After the loss against Midland Empire Conference rival Smithville a week ago, Maryville head coach Stuart Collins said that the team wasn't ready. "They were flat as a pancake," Collins said. "They had no jump in their step."

Obviously rejuvenated and more prepared, the 'Hounds defeated conference rival Cameron 6-2.

"We were relaxed, and we weren't as tight," senior captain Keaton Guess said. "We came out with confidence."

"And integrity," senior Wes Wooten added.

The 'Hounds led 2-0 at halftime and had a total of 14 shots on goal. Sopho-

more Clay Ferguson scored four goals to bring his current total up to seven. Wooten and junior Dylan Cloepfil also added a goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Ky Hill had five saves.

"We took care of the ball better, (and) we capitalized," Collins said.

Collins said he thought the game was huge and that it boosted the team's confidence.

"They loosened up, they relaxed and played soccer," Collins said. "It's great; it let them know they can do it."

Collins still thinks the team has a shot at conference and getting far in districts.

The 'Hounds now have a record of 2-5. The 'Hounds next game is at Smithville on Tuesday. Their first conference game, the team is looking to avenge the 6-0 loss at home last Tuesday.



FILE PHOTO

Rory Okey puts a move on two Washburn defenders in the MIAA opener at Bearcat Pitch. The Bearcats fell to Rockhurst on Tuesday by the score of 2-1, dropping their overall record to 2-4. Northwest is 1-2 in the MIAA.

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'Hounds get back on track with win over Platte County

finish.

In the first round, the 'Hounds beat Marceline 2-1 in a game featuring two strong pitchers. However, the 'Hounds lost a crucial all-around player, Hillary Reynolds. She suffered a broken thumb when she was hit by a pitch. In the next round, the 'Hounds routed Platte County 10-0.

Those two victories led the 'Hounds to a semi-final matchup against Chillicothe. The 'Hounds were going for two straight wins against the Hornets. However, starting pitcher Sarah Scott went down following the third inning and had to be replaced by freshman Caitlin Woods in her varsity debut.

The 'Hounds pitched Woods to save senior Elizabeth Baker for the next round. In addition, the defense had eight errors causing the 'Hounds to fall to the Hornets 8-1. The defeat sent the 'Hounds to the consolation round against Richmond. One bright spot was that Woods earned some valuable experience following Scott's early exit from the mound.

"She got over her nervousness and did very well," 'Hounds coach Kathey Blackney said.

In the last game, errors again played a part in the consolation round loss to Richmond. Elizabeth Baker suffered her first loss even though she pitched a strong game. The 'Hounds lost 3-2, ending the tournament with a record of 12-4.

Coach Blackney said the 'Hounds struggled throughout the tournament defensively making good decisions as well as good throws. Blackney said the focus of this week's practice is definitely defense.

The 'Hounds will travel to Benton for non-conference action today at 4:30 p.m.

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UN 39-12
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KC 42-14
Pit. 16-8
MHS 35-7
38-10 (3-5)

NW 28-14
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UN 23-21
UO 31-17
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KC 38-21
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Balt. 27-14
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MHS 14-3
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Bearcats put end to scoring drought

a ball that our keeper should have had."

Later in the half, the lady Hawks added another goal to give them a 2-0 halftime lead.

The second half brought a change for the Bearcats not only in style but also in weather.

After battling through a stiff wind the entire first half, they played with the wind to their backs in the second.

During the first half, Northwest struggled to get the ball across midfield, but they seemed to control the pace in the last half.

In the 57th minute, Perkins found the back of the net. For the rest of the game, Northwest's offense came alive almost scoring on three other occasions.

"It helped with the wind being with us," Cross said. "It helps us

Team	MIAA	Overall
Truman	3-0-0	6-1-0
Central Mo. State	3-0-0	3-3-0
Missouri-Rolla	1-2-1	3-4-1
Missouri Southern	1-0-1	2-4-1
Emporia State	1-1-0	2-4-0
Northwest	1-2-0	2-4-0
Southwest Baptist	0-0-0	1-5-0
Washburn	0-5-0	2-7-0

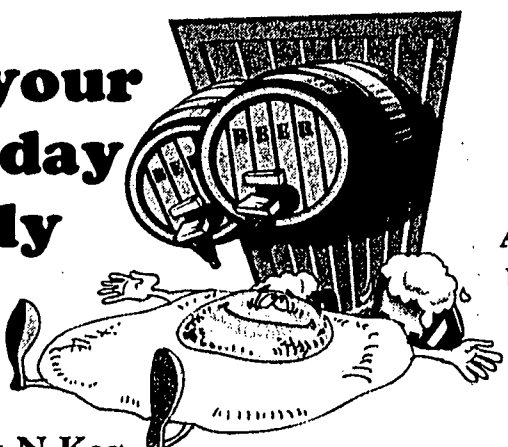
play with a little more confidence with the wind at our backs. It helps us push forward and relax on the ball. We had a nice ball on a cross from Jamie Campbell, and Emily put it away."

The Bearcats are back in action on Saturday at home against Missouri-Rolla. On Sunday, Northwest hosts the University of Minnesota-Duluth at 2 p.m.

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Sept. 20	Central Missouri State	1 pm
Sept. 27	at Missouri - Rolla	6:30 pm
Oct. 4	Washburn	1 pm
Oct. 11	at Emporia State	2 pm
Oct. 18	Missouri Southern Homecoming	1 pm
Oct. 25	at Missouri Western	1 pm
Nov. 1	Truman State	1 pm
Nov. 8	Southwest Baptist	1 pm
Nov. 15	Pittsburg State	2 pm

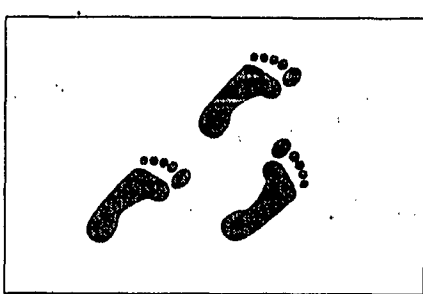
Stroller questions sportsmanship

Hot dogs, nachos and a few thousand people in one place. It could only mean one thing: football, football, football! That's right, Bearcat fans, the Northwest football season has been underway for a few weeks now, and our guys seem to have a pattern forming as far as winning goes. But I'm not here to talk about the team. I'm here to talk about the fans.

The first thing Your Man noticed upon entering the game was the fact that CMSU had about as many fans there as Northwest did. This is not a bad thing, except they seemed to have left their manners at home this weekend. By the end of the game, I was starting to believe that our mascot was the "insert expletive here" Bearcat instead of Bobby Bearcat. I mean, that's all I heard through the entire game from a couple guys in the stands.

The CMSU fans were ragging on all aspects of the game. They even tried to harass the Bearcat Marching Band! So here comes the band, marching around the track like they always do during the pre-game band show. And here come the Mule fans, yelling and throwing things at the band! I mean, maybe the Steppers aren't much to look at this year, but come on...picking on the band? I always thought CMSU was a college, not a high school! I guess we know where the Northwest rejects ended up going to school.

Anyway, Your Man does have a bone to pick with some of you. I also noticed that the more obnoxious the Mule fans became, the more the



THE STROLLER

Bearcat fans got riled up. I did see some fans dressed in green acting somewhat like the fans in red. Let me tell you, guys, this disappoints me. Here at Northwest we pride ourselves on family values. We are better people than that, but the other day I saw a side of some of our fans that I think needs to be left at home from now on. Sure, some of the guys from CMSU were really starting to tick me off, too, but we have to remember that we are representing our school when we go to things like football games. Why should we sink to their level? Do you really want to be a mule?

Another thing that made Your Man mad at the game was the fact that the Bearcat cheerleaders stayed on the same side of the stadium for the entire game. Okay, so maybe half of the squad came over to the student side for the first seven minutes of the third quarter, but as soon as the Steppers got back into their nonexistent skirts and came back out to grind on the track, the cheerleaders left. We did have one guy on our side with green stripes on his face getting the

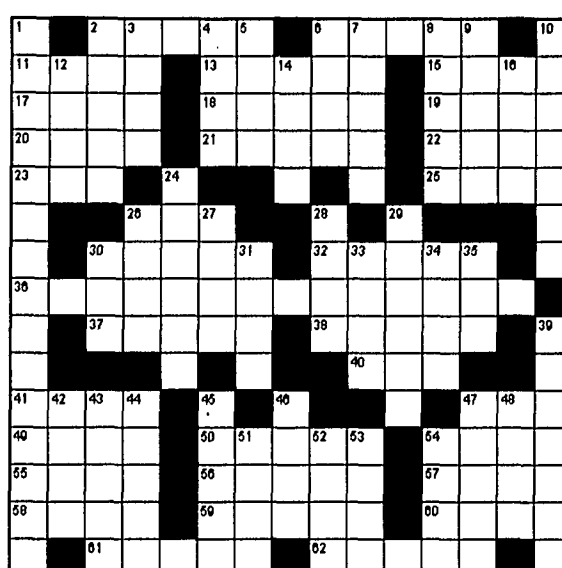
crowd going. I hope he's getting paid by someone to do this, because he did a lot more for the crowd than the Steppers did! That's the kind of school spirit that everyone should have at football games. I think we could all benefit by upping our spirit to his level.

One other thing: What's up with half the crowd leaving in the middle of the fourth quarter? Must I remind you that in 1999, the Bearcats were somewhere around 30 points behind at the beginning of the fourth quarter down in Alabama. Four overtimes later, our guys walked away with their second national championship. The point of this: Nobody left during the fourth quarter. Maybe it was because we drove 14 hours to get there, or maybe it was because we believed in our team. Perhaps if we were to show that kind of support to our team this year, they would be a little more pumped up. Yeah, so maybe it seemed like the team kind of gave up, but so did the fans. Once again, this disappoints me.

Basically, what I'm saying is that we need to make sure to act appropriately at the games. Don't forget that there may be families and children sitting around you. And never forget: Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat. Once a Mule, always a Jack—well, I think we all know where this one goes.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. Fleshy
6. Loses heat
11. Opera
13. Permit
15. Spool-like toy
17. Midday
18. Front wheel measure
19. Those against
20. Very sweet
21. Grocery
22. Prison room
23. Advanced in years
25. Photographic chemical
26. Jelly
30. Grecian
32. Fragment

DOWN

36. Obsolescence
37. Inhabitant of Sweden
38. Sounding cheap
40. Post by relays of people or horses
41. Carbonated drink
47. National Bureau of Standards
49. Cutting implements
50. The Hindu Destroyer
54. Concern
55. Placed on a peg
56. Females
57. River in central England
58. Sumerian

ACROSS

59. Rephrase
60. Special occasion
61. Small sweet cake
62. Levees Down
1. Feral
2. Arrogant
3. Wildcat
4. Floor coverings
5. Scheme
6. Coconut husk fiber
7. Possessed
8. Execute illegally
9. Call to pigs
10. Form of industrial action (mainly Brit)
12. Small pond
14. Old Nicaraguan capital

16. Quick sharp bark
24. Swerved
26. Increased in size
27. Metal
28. Short tail
29. Revolutionary general Israel
30. Navigation system
31. Understood
33. Sudden assault
34. Lustrous fur
35. Male child
39. Removes
42. Kine
43. Welsh national emblem
44. Echo sounder
45. Dam extending across the Nile
46. Duration
47. Areas of churches
48. Brothers
51. Household
52. Sell
53. Male name
54. Restaurant

on the edge

Television Facts:

■ Only one episode of the macabre but popular "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" was never shown. It was titled "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," and was about a mentally disabled boy who watched a magician saw a man in half and then killed someone trying to duplicate the trick. CBS refused to allow it on television, saying it was too morbid to air.

■ No matter how popular the show, a serial (or soap opera) on Mexican television runs no longer than just one season.

■ While filming the popular 1990s television series "Baywatch," its cast and crew went through 306 pounds of body makeup and one 50-gallon drum of sunscreen each season.

See answers below

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Mayer's 'Heavier Things' needs to lighten up

By JEFF HARP
MISSOURIAN REVIEWER

John Mayer's new album, misleadingly named "Heavier Things," is a sobbing tale of a young man sacrificing all credibility as a respectable lyricist for a chance to tell you how much it sucks getting dumped.

The album is rumored to be on the hard rock side and less on the side of panty rock. This opinion is definitely judging a book by its cover. Not only is John Mayer crooning about the ups and downs of love in his typical sensitive man charm, but he has resorted to an over-the-edge, borderline pathetic-high-school-virgin-with-a-guitar image.

He starts the album off with a melodic and uppity number called "Clarity." The song sounds like a real uplifting song about a moment of truth when the clouds part and Mayer finally has a focused view of his life. He knows this view is only with him for a fleeting moment. OK, something a lot of people may be able to relate to. But he follows that song up with the puberty-stricken, nobody-likes-me anthem for the year, "Bigger Than My Body," a song that is conceptually reminiscent of last year's hit single,

"No Such Thing." Both songs are just empowerment songs that kids can listen to and tell themselves they'll be something great after a long day of being picked on between class periods. However, John Mayer pulls this stunt off with his soothing voice and clever melodies that distract the listener from the Disney-esque lyrics.

A song that has strength in its harmony and poetic flow is the fifth track, "Come Back to Bed." It has an easy, bluesy feeling to it, reinforced with a catchy trumpet and saxophone beat playing back-up. Mayer exerts his guitar skills in a moving yet discordant instrumental solo that, if heard alone, could easily be mistaken for a Pink Floyd track. He also shows that he hasn't completely lost all creative insight with lines like, "I survive on the breath you are finished with." These lyrics may still be a bit boy band-ish, but they fit well into the song about a woman leaving him after another routine fight as he begs her not to leave.

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The last half of the album typifies Mayer's image of an artist that probably cried while writing and recording all but a couple songs on the album. "Home Life" and "Split Screen Sadness" both start off with tunes of promising experimentation in the studio. They open with eerie sounds that one would assume are influenced by Sonic Youth or Radiohead, in their electronic degradation of structured rock and roll. But both quickly ricochet back with true-to-form John Mayer heartbreak words and sad swaying riffs that are perfect for crying yourself to sleep after being stood up for prom. Lyrics like "I will marry just once, and if it doesn't work out, give her half my stuff. Its fine with me, we said eternity," really encompass the youthful idealistic views that have soaked this entire album with Mayer's tears of rejection.

The last track of the disc, "Wheel," shows signs that this artist isn't completely damned to an eternity of composing cheesy rhymes and painstaking efforts to mask them in thick guitar riffs. Mayer shows his blooming maturity as a writer and a member of society when he shows that he can actually come to terms with getting dumped. He again parades his abilities as a blues artist, gracefully exploring his guitar and keeping his beat with some subtle maracas in the background. The last lines of this song and of the album are quite obviously representative of Mayer's one-track mind.

"I believe that my life's gonna see the love I give returned to me".



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AREA EVENTS

Kansas City

Oct. 3 **Kenny Rogers**
Ameristar Casino

Oct. 8 **Bret Michaels**
Beaumont Club

Oct. 9 **Saves The Day**
Beaumont Club

Oct. 11 **Blue Man Group**
Starlight Theatre

Des Moines

Sept. 25 **Hatebreed**
Beaumont Club

Oct. 11 **U.K. Subs**
Hairy Mary's

Sept. 29 **The Fever**
Vaudeville Mews

Oct. 16 **George Jones**
Civic Center

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Sept. 26 **Lisa Marie Presley**
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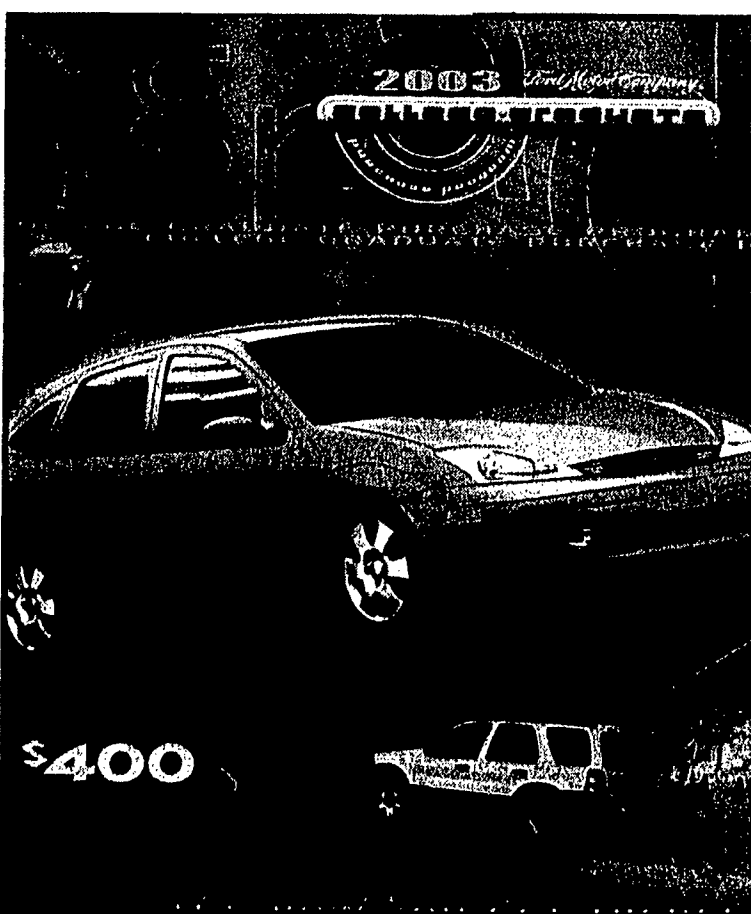
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